

REMARKS

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 31, 2009, the Examiner stated that claims 7, 8, 21, 23, 24, 34, 35, 36, and 37 were improperly identified as "previously presented". Applicants have reviewed the amendment in view of the amendment submitted in response to the Final Office Action, which was entered when Applicants filed an RCE. In the current response to the office action mailed June 23, 2008, the claims noted by the Examiner included incorrect underlining and strikethroughs when compared with the previously filed Final Office Action response. More particularly, some of the underlining and strikethroughs were inadvertently transferred from the Final Office Action response to the current response whereby the same amendments to the claims identified by the Examiner were submitted in both responses. To correct this situation, claims 7, 8, 21, 24, 34, 35, 36, and 37 have been amended to remove the multiple submissions of the same amendments to the claims. The designations of the status of each claim remains the same given these corrections.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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